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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Ryan et al.

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OF POROUS GRANULES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and before calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraphs on page 1 after the title:

This application is a continuation-in-part of International Application No. PCT/AU99/01064, filed November 30, 1999, which designated the United States.

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please add the abstract attached herewith as a separate sheet following the claims.

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**REMARKS**


The specification has been amended to claim priority.

Also, the Abstract is reproduced on a separate sheet and submitted herewith.

Early consideration and allowance of pending claims 1-17 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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